

I. AMENDMENTS

A. In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-8, to read as follows:

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This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/801,393, filed March 7, 2001, which claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of U.S. Serial No. 60/267,199, filed February 7, 2001; and U.S. Serial No. 60/187,784, filed March 8, 2000, the entire contents of each of which is incorporated herein by reference.

B. In the Claims

Please cancel claims 16 to 18, 31, 32, 38 and 39 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 13, 14, 20, 23, 28, 29, 34, 37 and 40 to read as follows:

A² Sub B¹
~~1. (Amended) A method of reducing the risk of transmission of a sexually transmitted pathogen, the method comprising contacting the pathogen or cells susceptible to infection by the pathogen with a composition consisting essentially of a β -cyclodextrin.~~

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3. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the enveloped virus is an immunodeficiency virus, a T lymphotropic virus, a herpes virus, a measles virus, or an influenza virus.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the enveloped virus is a human immunodeficiency virus.